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## Ski News - New Board & 2025 Trip Schedule

**May 2024**

### Message from the President of Austin Skiers

It has been my privilege & pleasure to serve you as President this past year. I'm both grateful and humbled you re-elected me for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Thank you for all your support and participation in this magnificent ski club. I must say you have had a terrific team to have served with who are hard-working and dedicated people to provide the best ski, travel & social opportunities for Austin Skiers.

At the "Annual Membership Meeting" on May 4, you heard reports on what we did last in 2023-24 and saw a glimpse of our future trip plans. Those will be finalized in the coming weeks. I want to especially thank those four individuals who are rotating off the board – Chuck Pena, VP Communications; Mary Lisa Goetschel, VP Special Activities; Zach Turner, VP Programs, and Chris Vrba, Director/VP Membership. This has and continues to be a team effort! Quite simply, what this club accomplishes would be impossible without the dedication and varied skills of so many selfless volunteers. For these officers and all the other volunteers who make it possible, I am eternally grateful & thankful how you donate your time and talents. Hopefully you feel the same.

Austin Skiers had nine ski and one non-ski trips (Australia, New Zealand & Fiji) this past year. We are looking for a fun-filled travel season full of skiing and other adventure travels beginning on May 9 with the 15-day "Great Rivers of Europe" cruise. We typically have the most trips during the year among the Texas Ski Council clubs and looking to possibly add a "surprise" trip – so stay tuned. This year we went back to our usual full complement of ski trips!

I'm excited about the line-up this year going to places we've not been to in a long time – Alyeska, Alaska, Mammoth, CA and Val di Fassa, Italy! Plus, some favorites like Snowmass

and Winter Park.

All my best to you and have a great summer & safe travel!

Gary Armstrong, President

Austin Skiers – [President@austinskiers.org](mailto:President@austinskiers.org)



## Approved Officer Slate for 2024-25

On May 4th, at the year-end Members Meeting, the Club Membership voted unanimously to support the proposed slate submitted. Thank you to all that attended the meeting. Here is your new board for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year. New EC members are shown below in bold.

President - Gary Armstrong

VP Trips – Sylvia Blair

Treasurer – Alisa Cook-Roehs

VP Trip Planning – Lara Pavanelli

Secretary - Mary Jo Humphreys

**VP Communications – Bob Foster**

**VP Programs – Denise Foster**

**VP Special Activities – Stuart Tyrrell (“Stu”)**

**Director / VP Membership – Diane Bennett**

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### VP of Trip Planning & TSC Representative

Thanks to the hard work of our Trip Planning Committee and Board approval we are pleased to announce our trip line up for 2025:

Vail, CO **Club Trip** Jan 4 - 11, 2025 **EPIC PASS**

Tour Op: Sports America (Landmark Condos)

Stay tuned for a tentative short Trip to Copper IKON Pass Jan 10-14

Snowmass, CO **Club Trip** Jan 25 - Feb 1, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour Op: Sports America (Top of Village Condos)

Winter Park, CO **Club Trip** Feb 1-8, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour Op: Sports America (Zephyr Mountain Lodge Condos)

**TSC** - Keystone, CO Feb. 8 - 15, 2025 **EPIC Pass**

*Tour Op:* SkiGroup.net

Sun Peaks, BC **Club Trip** Feb 15 - 22, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour Op: Sports America (Cahality Lodge)

Stay tuned for an optional before and/or after add-on!

Alyeska, Alaska **Club Trip** Feb 23 - Mar 2, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour Op: Skigroup.net (Hotel Alyeska & Captain Hook Hotel)

**TSC** - Crested Butte, CO Mar 1 - 8, 2025 **EPIC Pass**

Tour Op: SkiGroup.net

Val di Fassa, Italy **Club Trip** Mar 8 - 18, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour Op: Alpine Adventures (Hotel Cristallo Canazei Val di Fassa)

And 3 Days in Venice included!

Mammoth, Ca **Club Trip** Mar 22 - 29, 2025 **IKON Pass**

Tour OP: Sports America (Juniper Springs Lodge)

South Africa - **Club Tour** Sept 12-22, 2025

Tour Op: Alpine Adventures

Wine, Wildebeasts & Waterfalls!

More details to come!

Lara,



Lara Pavanelli VP Trip Planning:  
[tripsplanning@austinskiers.org](mailto:tripsplanning@austinskiers.org)

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### ***VP Trips***

The opportunity is here! Now that we know where we are going in 2025, we need you!

If you are interested in leading a trip (TC) or being an Assistant (ATC), please read over the duties and responsibilities and apply NOW.

Trip Chairs receive \$1300 towards their trip (\$650 credit up front/\$650 after the trip) and ATC's a reimbursement of \$500 after the trip.

[AUSTIN SKIERS TRIP CHAIR JOB DESCRIPTION - Rev\\_Feb. 24.docx](#)

[ATC Duties & Responsibilities.docx](#)

[AS\\_TRIP\\_CHAIR\\_Updated\\_Application\\_2024-25\\_FINAL.docx](#)

Thanks and looking forward to great future travels!

Regards,

**Sylvia Blair**  
**VP of Trips**  
**Austin Skiers**



Sylvia Blair, VP Trips: [Trips@austinskiers.org](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org)

We encourage our members going on our trips to consider trip insurance for those unexpected emergencies before or during your trip. Here is a link for more information on [Trip Insurance](#).

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## VP of Programs Report

Hi Everbody!

Thank you to everyone who attended the May Membership meeting. We had 60 people attend.

New events are coming up soon and will be added to the calendar:

Jun 30th 2-8p - Summer Party (registration will open for that in the next couple weeks so stay tuned.

Jul 28th 4-6p - Trip Presentation meeting

Dec 8th 6-10p - Holiday Party

Warm regards,  
Zach

We request you wear your name badge as there may be new members who you haven't met.



Zach Turner VP Programs: [Programs@austinskiers.org](mailto:Programs@austinskiers.org)

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## VP SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



Mary Lisa Goetschel, VP Special Activities: [Activities@austinskiers.org](mailto:Activities@austinskiers.org)



**On going Winter Sale on ski clothing and various ski gear!**

When thinking of shopping for ski gear this season, remember to shop [Sun & Ski Sports](#). Please **let their staff know** Austin Skiers enjoy a **15% discount off regular-priced** items in the store.

In addition, you will receive **50%** off the cost (labor) of tune-ups, waxes & edging.

Check out their ski/snowboard bundles - goggles, ski poles, boot bags and snow apparel! Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media sites listed on their website.



### **End of the ski season SALE:**

**Great deals on ALL Jackets and layering pieces, and 50% off on ALL ski pants!**

Also, please remember our long-time partner [Marine Max/Sail & Ski](#). Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube along with other social media listed on their website. **Please note the discount policy applies for 1 month following our membership meeting. This was a corporate decision to tie discounts to "events."**

## **VP-Membership-Director**

As the VP-Membership. I look forward to seeing you at our FUN and informative gatherings! I welcome your feedback on membership growth and any new activities we might pursue.

If you are a **New Member (not renewed)** and need a name badge please email me!

My Email: [Membership-Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Membership-Director@austinskiers.org)

Our current membership is **[425] active** members. We've had a wonderful response to our trip line up, which has encouraged new members to join us on our adventures! Think snow and exciting travels ahead!

**[Click here to join or renew your membership](#)**

Christine Vrba

## VP Membership - Director



Chris Vrba, Membership-Director: [Membership-Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Membership-Director@austinskiers.org)

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## VP Communications

Hi all

Thanks all who attended the end of year members meeting and voted in our Great Slate of Officers shown above for the 2024-25 year. This will be my last newsletter but I'm confident that Bob will do a great job on the website and this newsletter. Thanks Bob for agreeing to takeover.

The Trips Schedule for next season is shown above in Lara's section. It is also shown on the home page and will be updated as needed there.

As Sylvia mentioned in her section above, we need Trip Chairs and Assistant Trip Chairs to run these great trips. Find out more about this and get an application above in her section.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I hope to see you all on a trip or two over the coming years.

Chuck Pena  
VP Communications



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### **2023-2024 Executive Committee - Austin Skiers**

Gary Armstrong - President  
Sylvia Blair - VP Trips  
Lara Pavanelli - VP Trip Planning  
Zach Turner- VP Programs  
Chuck Pena - VP Communications  
Mary Lisa Goetschel - VP Special Activities  
Alisa Cook-Roebs - Treasurer  
Mary Jo Humphreys - Secretary  
Christine Vrba - VP Membership-Director



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Visit [Texas Ski Council](#) for more information.



The Texas Ski Council is a member of the National Ski Council Federation  
. Which means Austin Skiers are members and have some great benefits.  
Please check them out and register at [National Ski Council Federation](#)

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